Export Company Limited, Siamtouch Co. Ltd., Thai Artborne Manufacturine Co. Ltd., Thorsarm Co. Ltd., Trade Master Co. Ltd., United Foods Public Co. Ltd., Vassachol Limited Partnership, WK & NA Co. Ltd., +14 more companies (49)

23. **TURKEY-** Orijinal Istanbul Kristal, Perdevi Ig Decarasyon Wrvnleri(2)

24. U.K. (1)

25. U.S.K.(1)

26. VIETNAM- Companies of Ho Chi Minh City. **Constituents -** Hanoi Trade Corporation - HAPRO, Houong QFuynh Co. Ltd., S.G. Faorex Co. Ltd.,

27. CONSTITUENTS OF NSIC SRI LANKA (1)

28. UZBEKISTAN (1)

29. ZIMBABWE (1)

30. SOUTH AFRICA (1)

31. ALGERIA (1)

32. KENYA- Debbie Crafts Exporters and Importers (1)

33. VENEZUELA- Banco De Comercio Exterior (1)

Priority sector status to exporters

2283. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to give priority sector status to exporters;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Export has been considered an important part of Indian economy and a means to economic growth, national development and employment generation.

(b) and (c) Foreign Trade Policy outlines a roadmap and strategy for the development of India foreign trade. Copies of this document are available at the Parliament Library. It can also be accessed at the website http://dgft,dethi/nic.in/

Centres opened by IIFT to train people for SMEs

2284. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Institute for Foreign Trade has opened Centres to train executives for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in specific sectors;

(b) details of this new programme;

(c) whether it is a fact that the IIFT has not been able to meet the demand of the export economy for trained people in foreign trade systems, etc.;

(d) what steps will the IIFT take to broadbase its educational programmes all over the country; and

(e) steps proposed to make available education and training at IIFT to people all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) IIFT has established Centre for Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to train exports in specific sectors like textiles, food processing with a view to increasing their export potentials.

(c) to (e) To meet increasing demand for trained personnel in international business, at present, the IIFT produces every year around 360 persons qualified in international business. IIFT has taken following steps to augment its facilities :—

(i) An on-line Executive Masters in International Business course has been started. Classes are conducted at 28 centres in the country. The